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SCOTCHMEN PAY HONOR TO POET BURNS' MEMORY

Fifteen Hundred Persons Enjoy Remarkably Interesting Program.

Bridgeport Scotchmen, their descendants and friends, paid noble tribute to the memory of Robert Burns at the 31st annual concert and ball given by the clan at the Casino last evening. More than 1,500 persons attended and a delightful coloring was added to the throng by the presence of the members of the Bridgeport Scottish Highlanders Pipe band in Scottish military costume with the Robertson clan tartan, and many other members of the society clad in the tartans of the clans from which they were descended. The tartans of the Robertson, MacKenzie, Logan, Campbell, Gordon and other clans were represented, many of the members wearing the full Scottish costume.

In his address, the Rev. Everett Japp, chief of the clan, explained that the purpose of the gathering was not only to honor the birthday of Burns but also to perpetuate the songs of the Homeland. The program began with a march led by the Scottish pipers, an escort for Chief Japp to the stage.

The concert program, the principal numbers of which were furnished by the Royal Scottish Quartet and Billy Court, was up to the usual high standard of the affairs given by the clan. The quartet, composed of the four lighted the audience with folk dances. To the strains of baroque music played by Pipe Major William Thomson of the Bridgeport Pipe band, his two little daughters and little son, faultlessly executed the difficult steps of the Highland fling, sword dance and the "Highland Lullaby." They were appropriately costumed for all dances and in response to encores danced Scottish reels.

Of the song numbers the most pleasing seemed to be: "Star o' Robbie Burns" and "Wee Bannockburn" sung by Theodore Martin, tenor; "Lochnagar" and "John Anderson, My Jo," by Florence Mulholland; contralto; soprano solo, "Scottish Blue Bells," by Edith Hallett Frank; baritone solo, "Highlandman's Toast," Emerson Williams, and the duet by Miss Kathleen and Mr. Martin, "The Crachit Bobby."

This last duet took the audience by storm and the singers had to respond to encores until they explained that they had no more duets.

Billy Court kept his audience laughing with a monologue in dialect, and his comic songs, "Bonnie Little Mary," "My Man John" and others were equally entertaining. His offering was enlivened by frequent and rapid changes of costume. Miss Kathryn M. Lombard of this city was the accompanist.

A picturesque touch was added to the closing number of the concert when all who took part appeared in costume on the stage and joining hands united with the audience in singing "Auld Lang Syne." After the hall had been cleared of chairs a grand march followed. Headed by the pipers those who took part were led through intricate movements by Pipe Major James Murray and Assistant Floor Manager Andrew York. Then followed a dance program of 16 numbers, music being furnished by Maloney's orchestra. It was nearly 3 o'clock this morning before the orchestra played "Home, Sweet Home."

The committee of arrangements was John D. Broadbent, chairman; Alex C. Hogg, secretary; John A. Fyfe, treasurer; John S. MacDougall, James Duncan, John MacGeachie and John C. Ross.

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LEGISLATURE HAS 1,674 BILLS FOR ACTION THIS YEAR

Hartford, Jan. 27.—Legislative business to be disposed of by the present general assembly appears to be slightly more than last session. There are many measures of practically the same import, for instance changes in the motor vehicle law, mothers' pensions, for appropriations aside from the bills prepared by the state finance commission, changes in the workmen's compensation laws, and on matters relating to agriculture.

The number of bills offered is placed at 586 in the senate and 1,078 in the house, with additional resolutions and petitions. The record for recent sessions follows:

Year.	Senate.	House.
1909	409	1,214
1911	511	1,325
1912	640	1,253
1915	679	1,092

Ice This Season Thickest In Years

(Special to The Farmer.)
Stratford, Jan. 27.—George Webb, who recently purchased the ice business of Frank Rideout of Stratford, will, before the end of next week, have stored away nearly 800 tons of ice from the local ponds. One ice house with a capacity of 400 tons has already been filled. Since last Tuesday Mr. Webb's men have been busy employed on Beck's Mill pond. Work on this pond will be completed by Sunday night. On Monday, a gang will be set at work at the Webb's pond, Paradise Green. Provided the weather remains fair, this house will be filled within a week.

"The ice this year is the thickest and clearest it has been in years," said the owner. Last year it varied from six to eight inches in thickness. This year it has a depth of 13 inches. The Cutler club of the Congregational church and the Laymen of Christ Episcopal church are planning to have their basketball teams play each other in the near future. The Cutler team is composed of Howard W. Curtis, Henry Wells, Allan Wilson, Rev. Robert C. Whitehead, Robert Wheeler and Arlo Walker. Those on the Laymen's five are Harry A. Burnes, Edwin Spall, Allan Beardsley, Emmett Beardsley, Paul Goodell, Harold C. Lovell, Ivan L. Morehouse, Vernon Morehouse and Arthur Beardsley. The contest will be staged in Tuttle's auditorium.

In a recent dance will be given this evening by the members of the West County Country club at the club rooms. Prizes will be distributed for the persons who appear the most poverty-stricken. Charles H. Stillman is chairman of the entertainment committee. Following the dancing luncheon will be served.

The lecture delivered by Prof. James Warren Poor at the Stratford Public library last evening on "Famous Paintings" was most interestingly delivered. There was a large attendance. The speaker at the next lecture to be given Friday evening, Feb. 2, will be Prof. R. C. Ostrander of New York. His subjects will be "Mexico, The Egypt of the New World." The lecture will be illustrated.

The Ozanam club basketball five of Bridgeport defeated the Stratford High school quintet last evening at the town hall by the score of 24 to 12. At the Stratford M. E. church, Sunday, Rev. Ernest C. Carpenter, the pastor, will preach in the morning at the Stratford M. E. church. The topic will be "The End." In the evening the monthly praise service will be held in charge of Miss Julia Toney. A fine program has been solo, Miss Edna Boller; quartet, soprano solo, Miss Elsie Nobbs; violin solo, Miss Boller; double quartet, The Sunda school is held at 12 o'clock. Epworth League at 6:30.

An interesting and important message will be heard in the Congregational church Sunday morning when Rev. George W. Ray of Piedmont college will preach. Mr. Ray is a man of wide experience in pastoral and evangelistic work, having been instrumental in organizing and building two \$25,000 churches in the West. At present, Mr. Ray is engaged in extension work for Piedmont college, the only institution of college rank that ministers to more than 4,500,000 Scotch-Irish Highlanders in the Southern mountains. In the evening Rev. R. G. Whitehead will conclude the series of addresses on Abraham with the subject, "Faith and Faith." On Monday night the young people will join with the Bridgeport Union in a rally at the First Baptist church. The topic for the meeting Sunday evening: "Fruits From the Christian Endeavor Tree" and will be discussed in connection with the Christian Endeavor day program.

The Board of Estimate authorized the appointment of Dr. S. S. Goldwater, formerly health commissioner, as consultant to the Board of Estimate without salary.

FUNERAL DESIGNS AND BOUQUETS
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DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS, AFTER SHARP DEBATE, AGREES TO TAX PROFITS, ISSUE BONDS

Washington, Jan. 27.—After a spirited but ineffectual fight by the pacifist element, the Democrats of the House, in caucus last night, approved the Emergency Revenue bill as drafted by the majority of the Ways and Means Committee. The title of the bill justifies the measure on the ground of "preparedness."

The new revenue bill, designed to raise in excess of \$200,000,000 by taxation, increasing by 50 per cent. the present tax on inheritances, levies upon the "excess profits" of corporations and co-partnerships, provides for the issuance of \$300,000,000 in short-term certificates of indebtedness to meet temporary deficits in the Treasury balance, and authorizes the sale of \$100,000,000 in bonds in addition to \$231,000,000 in Panama Canal bonds which are already authorized.

The Revenue bill was approved by the caucus by a vote of 122 to 13. All the dissenting Democrats reserved the right to vote against the bill, although it is not expected that more than a half dozen of the number will oppose it on final passage. The bill will be introduced in the House tomorrow by Chairman Kitchin of the Ways and Means Committee and passed during the coming week.

Opposition to the bill was based on the argument that additional revenue legislation would not be necessary except for the enormous appropriations for preparedness. Representatives Page of North Carolina, Bailey of Pennsylvania, Callaway of Texas, Quinn of Mississippi and Sherwood of Ohio, were the leading opponents of the measure.

Kitchin Defends the Bill.
Chairman Kitchin contended that the inheritance and excess profits taxes would fall heavily on those "who have been clamoring for preparedness." Addressing the group of insurgent Southern Democrats, Mr. Kitchin said:

"You can tell your people that practically all of this tax will go north of Mason and Dixon's line. The preparedness agitation has its hot-bed in such cities as New York. This bill levies a tax on those who have been clamoring for preparedness and are benefiting because of preparedness appropriation."

The revenue raising possibilities of the bill were outlined as follows by Mr. Kitchin:

Increased inheritance tax, \$22,000,000.
Excess profits tax, \$200,000,000.
Sale of old Panama Canal Bonds, \$231,000,000.
Sale of new long-term bonds, \$100,000,000.

Certificates of indebtedness, designed to meet an impending deficit in the Treasury during the last three months of the current fiscal year, \$300,000,000. These certificates are redeemable within a year, but probably will be redeemed within three months, to save interest.

The new measure is entitled "A bill to provide increased revenue to defray the expenses of increased appropriations for the army and navy and extension of fortifications." It creates what is called a "Preparedness Fund," and the use of this phrase mollified to some extent the group of Southern Democrats who bitterly fought the measure at the outset of the caucus.

The insurgents planned to offer a resolution instructing the Military and Naval Committees to reduce appropriations for preparedness, but this plan was abandoned when Chairman Kitchin won over a number of the recalcitrants by the argument that the tax would fall mainly on the wealthier classes "and those who have been selling for preparedness."

The 13 Democrats who stood out against the measure to the end did not say they would vote against the bill in the House, but reserved the right to do so. These Democrats were:

Taylor of Arkansas, Callaway of Texas, H. Clay of Massachusetts, Thomas of Kentucky, Bailey of Pennsylvania, Dies of Texas, Thompson of Oklahoma, Page of North Carolina, Quinn and Stevens of Mississippi, Burnett of Alabama, Doughton of North Carolina, and Sherwood of Ohio.

The sections of the bill are arbitrarily numbered by the House committee and no confusion should be made to the reader because of the unusual section numbers. Instead of numbering the sections 1, 2 and 3, the committee numbers the sections of the bill in hundreds, 200, 300 and 400. This form was followed in the original draft of the revenue bill of last session. The full text of the bill follows:

A BILL
To provide increased revenue to defray the expenses of the increased appropriations for the army and navy and the extensions of fortifications, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, **Section 1.** That the receipts from the tax imposed by Title II, and one-third of the receipts from the tax imposed by Title III, of this act shall constitute a separate fund in the Treasury to be used only for the expenditures incurred under the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes," approved Aug. 29, 1911; the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1917, and for other purposes," approved Aug. 29, 1916, and the act entitled "An act making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, for the armament, for the procurement of the heavy ordnance for trial and service, and for other purposes," approved July 6, 1916, or any other act or acts subsequent thereto making appropriations for army, navy, or fortification purposes. In addition to such receipts from the taxes imposed under Titles II, and III, of this act, there shall be credited annually, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, to such separate fund the sum of \$175,000,000, such sum being the estimated additional revenue to be derived under the act entitled "An act to increase the revenue and for other purposes," approved Sept. 8, 1916, in

excess of the revenue to be derived under the existing laws. Provided that the Secretary of the Treasury may use such fund for other purposes, but such fund shall be reimbursed for any portion thereof so used.

Title II.—Excess Profits Tax.
Section 200.—That when used in this title: The term "Corporation" includes joint-stock companies, associations, and insurance companies; The term "United States" means only the States, the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii, and the District of Columbia; and, The term "Taxable Year" means the twelve months ended Dec. 31, except in the case of a corporation or partnership allowed to fix its own fiscal year. The first taxable year shall be the year ending Dec. 31, 1917.

Section 201.—That, in addition to the taxes under existing law, there shall be levied, assessed, collected, and paid for each taxable year upon the net income of every corporation and partnership organized, authorized, or existing under the laws of the United States, or any State or Territory or district thereof, no matter how created or organized, excepting income derived from the business of life, health, and accident insurance, combined in one policy, issued on the weekly premium payment plan, a tax of eight per centum of the amount by which such net income exceeds the sum of (A) \$5,000 and (B) eight per centum of the actual capital invested.

II. of the act entitled "An act to increase the revenue and for other purposes," approved Sept. 8, 1916, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: "Sec. 201. That a tax thereon in this title referred to as the tax equal to the following percentages of the value of the net estate, to be determined as provided in Section 203, is hereby imposed upon the transfer of the net estate of every decedent dying after the passage of this act, whether a resident or non-resident of the United States. One and one-half per centum of the amount of such net estate not in excess of \$50,000;

Three per centum of the amount by which such net estate exceeds \$50,000 and does not exceed \$150,000;

Four and one-half per centum of the amount by which such net estate exceeds \$150,000 and does not exceed \$250,000;

Nine per centum of the amount by which such net estate exceeds \$250,000 and does not exceed \$450,000;

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Nine per centum of the amount by which such net estate exceeds \$1,000,000 and does not exceed \$2,000,000 and does not exceed \$2,000,000;

Twelve per cent of the amount by which such net estate exceeds \$2,000,000 and does not exceed \$5,000,000, and

Thirteen and one-half per cent. of the amount by which such net estate exceeds \$5,000,000, and

Fifteen per cent. of the amount by which such net estate exceeds \$5,000,000.

Sec. 301.—That the tax on the transfer of the net estate of decedents dying between Sept. 8, 1916, and the passage of this act shall be computed at the rates originally prescribed in the act approved Sept. 8, 1916.

Title Four.—Miscellaneous.

Sec. 400.—That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to borrow on the credit of the United States from time to time such sums as in his judgment may be required to meet public expenditures on account of the Mexican situation, the construction of the armor plate plant, the construction of the Alaskan Railway, and the purchase of the Danish West Indies, or to reimburse the Treasury for such expenditures and to prepare and issue therefor bonds of the United States not exceeding in the aggregate \$100,000,000, in such form as he may prescribe, bearing interest payable quarterly at a rate not exceeding three per centum per annum, and such bonds shall be payable, principal and interest, in United States gold coin of the present standard of value, and both principal and interest shall be exempt from all taxes or duties of the United States, as well as from taxation in any form by the state, municipal, or local authority, and shall not be receivable by the Treasurer of the United States as security for the issue of circulating notes to national banks.

Provided that such bonds may be disposed of by the Secretary of the Treasury at not less than par under such regulations as he may prescribe, giving all citizens of the United States an equal opportunity therefor, but not exceeding one-tenth of 1 per cent. of the amount of the bonds herein authorized, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of preparing, advertising and issuing the same.

And provided further that in addition to such issue of bonds, the Secretary of the Treasury may prepare and issue for the purposes specified in this act any portion of the bonds of the United States now available for issue under authority of Section 39 of the act entitled "An act to provide revenue, equalize duties, and encourage the industries of the United States and for other purposes," approved Aug. 5, 1909;

And provided further, that the issue of bonds under authority of this act; and any Panama Canal bonds hereafter issued under authority of Section 29 of the act entitled "An act to provide revenue, equalize duties, and encourage the industries of the United States and for other purposes," approved Aug. 5, 1909, shall be subject to the same provisions of the act as the Secretary of the Treasury in his discretion may deem advisable.

Certificates of Indebtedness

Section 401.—That Section 32 of an act entitled "An act providing ways and means to meet war expenditures and for other purposes," approved Aug. 13, 1898, as amended by Section 40 of an act entitled "An act to provide revenue, equalize duties, and encourage the industries of the United States, and for other purposes," approved Aug. 5, 1909, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 32. That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to borrow from time to time at a rate of interest not exceeding 3 per centum per annum, such sum or sums as, in his judgment, may be necessary to meet public expenditures, and to issue therefor certificates of indebtedness in such form and in such denominations as he may prescribe, and each certificate so issued shall be payable with the interest accrued thereon at such time, not exceeding 3 per centum per annum, its issue, as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe:

"Provided, that the sum of such certificates outstanding shall at no time exceed \$300,000,000, and the provisions of existing law respecting counterfeiting and other fraudulent practices are hereby extended to the bonds and certificates of indebtedness authorized by this act."

Returns of Dividends

Sec. 402.—That Title I of the act entitled "An act to increase the revenue, and for other purposes," approved Sept. 8, 1916, be amended by adding to Part 3 a new section, as follows:

"Sec. 26.—Every corporation, joint stock company, or association, or insurance company, subject to the tax herein imposed, when required by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, shall render a correct return, duly verified under oath, of its payments of dividends, whether made in cash or its equivalent or in stock, including the names and addresses of all stockholders and the number of shares owned by each, in such form and manner as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury."

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BAR ASSOCIATION DIETING SQUAD'S READY FOR EATS

Committee on Arrangements Hints That Cost of Banquet Food is High.

The following notice has been received by members of the bar association:

Honored Sir:—This will take but a moment of your time, as the hangman suggested, as he made sure that the knot in the noose nestled close to the ear of the defendant. It is to let you know that Monday evening, February 19th, Anno Domino 1917, at 6:30 o'clock, has been selected as the most opportune time for the Diet Squad of the Bridgeport Bar Association to demonstrate to you, the man who may possibly live on 24 cents a day, thanks to whatever powers that be, he don't have to.

The place selected for the work this time is known as the University Club House, situated on Golden Hill street, Bridgeport, Conn., and the land south of the county jail, yet north of the city court.

The association, in selecting a president for this year, was embarrassed at the start by an abundant lack of candidates, professing a willingness to serve. After a good deal of discussion there seeming to be nothing to do, for the matter was finally adjusted by the selection of former Alderman Arthur M. Marsh, and he will preside in person.

There will be wonderful, weird and soul-stimulating melody, both reminiscent and prophylactic. There will be a self-starter, a cigar or cigarette, four comprehensive courses de luxe, and the heterogeneous oratory at \$3.00 each, but that is now history. If after partaking you seem to realize how we did it, retain your own counsel.

Owing to the prevailing high prices of food stuffs, it has been decided to conduct the sale of tickets as strictly cash transactions. Your committee has learned that advance payments are really the best evidence of good faith. Your credit is good as soon as your ticket is paid for. Alas, men's appetites have ever proven to be so much stronger than their memories.

Secretary William H. Kelsey's latest bon-mots will be freely dispensed to even those who ask not. His bon-mots, as always, will be fresh and good. They should be, as they are the identical bon-mots that have invariably been so considered ever since our common ancestor worked the little apple game on her very first caller. Under the transforming influence of good fellowship, watch the grave become enlivened, see the sullen scintillate, witness the witty grow dull, the

dull extemporize, and the cautious relax. Most respectfully and obediently, yours,

THE COMMITTEE,
By R. G. DeF.
Press Agent.

Two Perish In Big Alaskan Snowstorm

Juneau, Alaska, Jan. 27.—One of the worst snow storms ever seen in this part of Alaska is raging today. Already the mountains near Juneau have more snow on them than in many years, and snow slides have been frequent during the last few days.

Two men lost their lives in a slide yesterday and mine property was damaged to the extent of many thousands of dollars.

POLISH PAPERS SEEK GOLD

London, Jan. 27.—A Rotterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. says that the Polish papers under the German censorship have appealed to the Polish nation for gold. The papers suggest that the Polish treasury can be replenished by gifts given by every Pole according to his means. It is also announced that a loan probably will be launched in which gold will be exchanged for notes.

John H. Frohisher, James J. Morgan and Osborn E. Chaney have been elected members of the Consolidated Stock Exchange, of New York.

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